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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Patent Application of:

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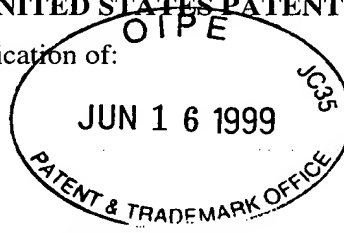
Serial No: 09/267,025

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Title: IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS WITH HOLES FOR OPPOSITE SIDE VIEWING

Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,609,938

Issued: March 11, 1997



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June 16, 1999

PETITION TO FILE AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PROTEST

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Petition to file an Extension of Time to File a Protest in regard to U.S. Application No. 09/267,025, which is a Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 5,609,938.

The undersigned representative of Contra Vision North America, Inc. (CVNA) hereby petitions on behalf of CVNA for an extension of time for filing a Protest to the above-identified reissue application.

While a Protest should ideally be filed within the two-month period following announcement of the filing of the reissue application in the Official Gazette (i.e., two months from April 20, 1999 -- which would be Monday, June 21, 1999), MPEP 1901.04 permits for a Petition to extend the time for filing the Protest after the two month period. The attached letter from the President of CVNA sets forth the reasons for which an extension of time to file a Protest is requested. The Protestor hereby requests an extension of one month (i.e., until July 20, 1999) for filing its protest.

The Petition Fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) is enclosed herewith.

The Protestor hereby requests the appropriate individual at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office contact the undersigned as soon as possible to confirm that the extension of time has been granted.

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3. Also, this error will be likely to have prevented individuals or companies who would wish to protest identifying the existence of this application, if they are using the owner's name, Creative Minds Foundation, Inc. as their search key words to identify such an application for reissue.

Creative Minds Foundation, Inc. is cited as the owner of the patent on the patent and in the application for reissue and this is clearly an error by the PTO, which it can correct. This application should be re-advertised with the correct information, to enable proper opportunity to protest.

4. The Statement of Inoperativeness or Invalidity is incomplete, as the language at the top of page 2 is an incomplete sentence. It is not clear whether just part of one sentence, several sentences or one or more pages is missing, in spite of the pagination. Whichever, it is clear that there is no opportunity to protest the full Statement of Inoperativeness or Invalidity as it is not present in the file.

We look forward to your earliest acceptance of our request for an extension of time and the revised date for protest.

Truly yours



Roland Hill